

with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa: H.R. 573, to amend Public Law 93–435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa. **Pages H2633–34**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:29 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m. **Page H2634**

Oath of Office—First Congressional District of South Carolina: Representative-elect Mark Sanford presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of the Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina, indicating that, according to the returns of the Special Election held May 7, 2013, the Honorable Mark Sanford was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District, State of South Carolina. **Page H2634–35**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. Sanford, the whole number of the House is 434. **Page H2635**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H2634.

Senate Referral: S. 601 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2634, H2636, and H2636–37. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1947, the “Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee On Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a markup on FY 2014 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 271, “Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013”;

H.R. 1407, the “Animal Drug User Fee Amendments of 2013”, as amended by the Subcommittee on Health; and H.R. 1919, the “Safeguarding America’s Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1919 and H.R. 1407. The following bill was ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 271.

TITLE II OF THE DODD-FRANK ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Who Is Too Big to Fail: Does Title II of the Dodd-Frank Act Enshrine Taxpayer-Funded Bailouts?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MURDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATTORNEY PATRICK FINUCANE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Recent Developments in the Investigation of the Murder of Human Rights Attorney Patrick Finucane”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a markup on the following measures: H.R. 1897, the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013”; H.R. 1951, the “Sean and David Goldman International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2013”; and H. Res. 131, concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights. The following bill was forwarded, as amended: H.R. 1951. The following bill and resolution were forwarded, without amendment: H.R. 1897 and H. Res. 131.

PREVENTING A NUCLEAR IRAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing a Nuclear Iran”. Testimony was heard from Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State; and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1417, the “Border Security Results Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, Department of Justice.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on the following measures: H.R. 687, the “Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 761, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2013”; H.R. 819, “Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act”; H.R. 910, the “Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”; H.R. 957, the “American Soda Ash Competitiveness Act”; H.R. 981, the “Resource Assessment of Rare Earths Act of 2013”; H.R. 1063, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Policy Act of 2013”; H.R. 1080, to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to amend title 10, United States Code, to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to avoid or reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities; H.R. 1169, the “Naval Air Station Fallon Housing and Safety Development Act”; H.R. 1299, the “White Sands Missile Range Security Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1300 to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges; H.R. 1384, the “Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2013”; H.R. 1574, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to rename a site of the park; H.R. 1613, the “Outer Continental Shelf Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreements Authorization Act”; H.R. 1672, “Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal Act”; H.R. 1673, to provide for the transfer of certain public land currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy for inclusion in Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, California; H.R. 1676, the “Johnson Valley National Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Establishment Act”; and H.R. 1691, the “Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range Transfer Act of 2013”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 687; H.R. 761; H.R. 1080; H.R. 1169; H.R. 1299; H.R. 1300; H.R. 1613; H.R. 1672; H.R. 1673; H.R. 1676; and H.R. 1691. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment:

H.R. 819; H.R. 910; H.R. 957; H.R. 981; H.R. 1063; H.R. 1384; and H.R. 1574.

**SEC REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT;
AND REPEAL OF THE PATIENT
PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE
ACT AND HEALTH CARE-RELATED
PROVISIONS IN THE HEALTH CARE AND
EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT OF
2010**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1062, the “SEC Regulatory Accountability Act”; and H.R. 45, to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–2, a structured rule for H.R. 1062. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–10 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hensarling and Waters.

The Committee granted, by record vote, of 8–2, a closed rule for H.R. 45. The rule provides two hours of debate equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides

one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Burgess, Schakowsky, Andrews, and McDermott.

PATENT REFORM IMPLEMENTATION AND NEW CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Patent Reform Implementation and New Challenges for Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS AND PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing entitled “Small Business and Pass-Through Entity Tax Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine women in manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Jennifer McNelly, The Manufacturing Institute, Washington, D.C.; Darlene Miller, Permac Industries, Burnsville, Minnesota; and Amy Jolley, Noble Energy, Inc., Houston, Texas.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for various agencies within the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the law of armed conflict, the use of military force, and the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine effective strategies for government reorganization, focusing on silo busting, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine partnerships to advance the business of space, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 27, to clarify authority granted

under the Act entitled “An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah”, S. 28, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah to Brigham Young University, S. 59, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 155, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali, S. 156, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, S. 211, to amend certain definitions contained in the Provo River Project Transfer Act for purposes of clarifying certain property descriptions, S. 225, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the role of the Buffalo Soldiers in the early years of the National Parks, S. 241, to establish the Rio Grande del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, S. 256, to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, S. 284, to transfer certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to Fort Sumner Irrigation District, New Mexico, S. 305, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 312, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico, S. 342, to designate the Pine Forest Range Wilderness area in Humboldt County, Nevada, S. 349, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Beaver, Chipuxet, Queen, Wood, and Pawcatuck Rivers in the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 363, to expand geothermal production, S. 368, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, S. 371, to establish the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park, to dedicate the Park to John H. Chafee, S. 447, to provide for the conveyance of certain cemeteries that are located on National Forest System land in Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, S. 476, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 486, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, S. 507, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, S. 609, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land in San Juan County, New Mexico, S. 659, to reauthorize the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991, S. 684, to amend the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 to facilitate completion of the Mni Wiconi Rural Water Supply System, S. 693, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, S. 736, to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of